

**ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER: 0492611-0507 (MIT 10396)**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Chen <i>et al.</i>	Examiner:	Chong, Kimberly
Serial Number:	10/674,087	Art Unit:	1635
Filed:	September 29, 2003	Conf. No.:	2178
Title:	COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR DELIVERY OF SHORT INTERFERING RNA AND SHORT HAIRPIN RNA		

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2009, Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks. The deadline for responding to the Office Action without fees was November 7, 2009. Since November 7, 2009 fell on a Saturday, the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday (*i.e.*, Monday, November 9, 2009) shall be considered timely under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. Applicant thus submits that the present Response is timely submitted on Monday, November 9, 2009.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this Response.